



*Caldron Falls Reservoir  
Governor Tommy G. Thompson  
Centennial State Park*



## Next Step...

So, where do we go from here? We will soon be announcing the exact dates of our next public meetings. These will be held in mid-July, and will focus on presenting the new Peshtigo River State Forest to all of you. DNR experts will be there to give you information and answer questions in their field of expertise. Maps of the property and initial resource information will also be

available. We will ask people to sign in at the door if they want to be added to the mailing list for newsletters, progress reports and meeting notices. Attendees will have a chance to express their ideas for the future management and uses of the Peshtigo River State Forest. This will give us a basis for coordinating the master planning for both the Peshtigo River State

Forest and Governor Tommy G. Thompson Centennial State Park. We will send you a notice prior to the meeting in July explaining when and where the meetings will occur. If you have questions in the mean time, please stop in or call the DNR Peshtigo Service Center. The address and phone number are shown on page one of this newsletter.

## Property Managers to be Hired Soon

Property managers for Governor Tommy G. Thompson Centennial State Park and Peshtigo River State Forest will be responsible for daily operation, and will fill a vital role in the initial planning and developing facilities and resources at the new properties.

We're looking for experienced property managers, willing to transfer laterally into these challenging new positions. When we have a list of candidates compiled, we will conduct interviews and fill the positions. We expect to hire these new managers within the next

few weeks and we will notify you when this is done. We are also actively seeking assistant manager candidates, primarily for Peshtigo River State Forest. In the future, we hope to hire a State Park Naturalist, too. Experienced managers and staff will be a great asset.



*Rocky Gorge on the Peshtigo  
River Below Caldron Falls*

## Gypsy Moths Found in Area

First found in widespread areas of eastern Wisconsin in 1988, the Gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) continues to spread across the state. Our forests are full of the Gypsy moth's favorite trees such as oak, aspen, white birch, and basswood. Governor Tommy G. Thompson Centennial State Park and Peshtigo River State Forest are no exceptions. However, there are many steps communities and forest managers can take to prevent outbreaks and minimize damage to the forest. To control high populations of Gypsy moths,

management tactics including physical and biological controls, silvicultural manipulation, and insecticide applications are used.

Spraying will not eliminate Gypsy moth from an area, but it can be an effective means of preventing defoliation and protecting our scenic forests and residential trees.

The Department of Natural Resources was unable to include the State Forest in its 2002 aerial spraying program since the property

was acquired after the program deadline, and there was no practical way to have the property sprayed. However, we expect to fund spray programs in 2003 for both Peshtigo River State Forest and for Gov. Tommy G. Thompson Centennial State Park, since the park will also likely have defoliation within one or two years. Unfortunately, the Gypsy moth is here to stay. We'll certainly lose leaves and trees, but with research, constant vigilance, and a citizenry prepared for battle, we can minimize the damages.